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Subject: 2017 Section 18 Specific Emergency Exemption re-certification request for the use of Transform® WG to control the sugarcane aphid (*Melanaphis sacchari*) on sorghum in Louisiana.

Dear Ms. Maignan:

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) hereby requests a specific exemption recertification under the provisions of Section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, for the use of Transform WG (EPA Reg. No. 62719-625) to help control the sugarcane aphid (*Melanaphis sacchari*) in sorghum production in 2017.

According to the authorization letter for 16LA03, the EPA determined that this use is eligible for the streamlined review process in 2017 under the re-certification program (40 CFR 166.20(b)(5)). As a result, this correspondence is being submitted to satisfy the recertification requirements. The emergency condition continues to exist as outlined in 2016, and the information submitted in the 2016 application is still representative of the emergency situation. For the 2017 production year, the LSU AgCenter anticipates the sorghum acreage to be approximately 50,000 acres. According to an LSU AgCenter Entomologist, Sebe Brown, the specific emergency exemption that was authorized for 2016 was effective in aiding in the control of the sugarcane aphid with no adverse effects being reported, and this use is needed for the 2017 production season to help combat the sugarcane aphid.

If you have any questions or need additional information concerning this request, please contact me or Scotty May, Pesticide Registration Program Coordinator, at 225-952-8047.

Sincerely,



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